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Meeting with EMK's counsel on his administrative practises subcommittee

Tom Susman has the office and the post Bud had when Ed Long was chairman, New Bldg, Rm3214. I spent the afternoon with him, so deeply engaged I didn't notice that Caroline Kennedy was sitting on the floor behind me in a little cubicle, barefooted and working. Lil told me after we left. Sysman and I were alone, Lil sitting near the entrance, as alone as in possible in a room divided into so many small cubicles with so many people.

When he read the CA decision he decided I had to be a man the Department regards as dangerous and bad. I said this was probably an understatement.

We went into more than the FOI suits. I told him much about the investigation of the assassination and referred to much of my unpublished stuff and offered access to it. My one stipulation was confidentiality. He has a good grasp of the facts that can't be controverted and offers of access. I was specific on all the essentials.

EMK knows what the secpro decision and the Department's position has to mean. They did discuss it before EMK spoke on the FOI amendment.

I recommended that on this EMK restrict himself to the lying and perjury in the King/Ray case and I'm to send him the documents. I told him in my strong belief others if they are interested should use any JFK stuff that is used. I said I thought it should then be restricted, not go into the facts of the case but into official performance that I believe is at best a gross deception of the court and on occasion becomes criminal, perjury.

I strongly recommended a detached position for EMK personally but that this need not apply to others, and I gave my belief that before the election all the stuff I have, somehow, should be aired. But with EMK detachment. I felt both his detachment now and the airing of fact are required for his personal and political survival. I suggested a formulation if the question comes up. I noted Bobby's departures from the formula, timed them suggested the adviser who may have been responsible, and pulled no punches on EMK's, Burke Marshall and others. The candor was well received. He came after me and asked me about Sheridan and I gave him my own experiences and the gross error in the writing and a refusal to answer a written challenge on the reasons for the inaccuracies. I told him also about Sheridan locating Brownlee and Wyatt with Partin.

He now understands about the GSA-family contract and the memo of transfer and the reasons for them, as family framing. Plus other things along this line.

Our discussion of the assassination was substantive, not elliptical, not circumlocutious, with names named. I ticked them off with each aspect discussed. I also told him I would be making no mention of this. I said I would discuss it with Lesar only and that in my belief he and Lesar should get together on the FOI amendment. He agreed.

It is my impression that if the nuts know nothing about this- and I warned him about them - and they are absent and silent and if this is allowed to follow a natural course it can have the most significant consequences.

I do think the spectro was the breakthrough. He sees clearly that with it a non-secret process, with there being no law-enforcement purpose (he was doubled up when I told him the argument Sirica had accepted, that there had to be some law, human or natural) that if it was at all consistent with the results attributed to it it not only would have been made public but there would be no reason for resisting giving it to me. He sees the only answer is that it is disproof of the claims of all officials. It is this that I think EMK also understands.

(The time I had for this and for an extensive copying job I must begin, duplicating the records of a lawsuit, has been limited by a call from JL in Memphis for help in coping with the learning in Bud! It never ends. I hope what I suggested as the approach he should take works.)